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# Proposal for Participation in World-wide Action Month on East Timor

In union with the Pacific Concerns Resource Center (PCRC)[1], the Asian Forum on Human Rights (AFHR)[2]& the British Campaign for an Independent EAst Timor (BCIET)[2], the East Timor Human Rights Committee (ETHRC/ )[1] will be working on the establishment of November 1981 as an international month of grassroots action on East Timor.

Being convinced that it will take grassroots organization to reverse the tragic support of many nations for Indonesia's war in East Timor, the objective of this action will be tc educate grassroots organizers, raise international public concern and exert pressure on national and international bodies over the situation in East Timor. Organizations in Asia, Europe, the Pacific Basin, and North America will be taking part in these activities.

The objectives of this project will be met by each of the above named organizations mobilizing their key contacts in their respective areas. The PCRC will be responsible for Hawaii, where it is headquartered, and the Pacific Basin; the AFHR in Hong Kong will be contacting groups in Asia; the BCIET will be working with the dozen or so East Timor solidarity groups already in Europe; and we (ETHRC) will be coordinating activities here on the North American continent.

To facilitate the activities of the contact groups each organizing committee will be sending out a common resource packet to their contacts. The resource packets will include literature, slides, photographs, action sugestions, petitions and posters. The contents of this packet are be jointly decided upon, and most of the materials and research will be provided by the ETHRC.

This project will have an eye toward fostering a sense of connectedness between the groups which do participate, in order to establish a truly unified action. For this reason November 28th will be a specific target date for all groups to participate in some type of public action. To reinforce this sense of world-wide solidarity each participating group will be asked to report back their activities to their coordinating group so that a report on this action may be compiled. By seeing the community that is built out of these activities grassroots organizations will feel empowered to do further work on East Timor. At the same time such a report would be effective in demonstrating the extent of international concern for EAst Timor.

1 agreed

2 asked, but not confirmed

# ETHRC MEMORANDUM

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Enclosed is a copy of this years United Nations resolution on the Question of East Timor, which we are circulating around North America in order to gain public support for governmental endorsement. We are planning not only to get large numbers of signators for the resolution, but also find several prominent human rights activists and organizations, professionals, entertainers and academics who will publicly support this resolution. When we have gathered these endorsements we plan to hold a press conference to announce the results to the media, the United Nations and the North American governments. We hope that you will find this useful as an example of a con rete activity that your group can take up to help the Timorese people.

Please take the time to endorse this resolution yourself and return a copy to us at the above address. Feel free to use this petition with your mailing list,newsletter or petition drive in your own country.

Inpeace and solidarity,

Michael Chamberlain, for
the ETHRC - USA